A HARD CASE. The Unpleasant Circumstances in Which Mrs. Gordon Granger is Placed.

Bedford (Pa.) Daily Breeze. One scarcely knows whether to pity or blame the widow of the late General Gordon Granger for the unpleasant circumstances in which she has placed herself by her marriage with Captain Blair, of the Fifteenth Infantry. General Gordon seems to have been greatly attached to Blair, and died in his arms on the field. The dashing and handsome captain in due course of time became a successful suitor for the widow's hand, and they were married. But she was already made aware that he had lived for many years in marital relations with a woman in his native Scotland, and was the father of her children. Blair persunded Mrs. Granger that no legal marriage had ever existed between him and the deserted Scottish lassie.

And so this beautiful woman, the daughter of a proud old Kentucky family, and widow of a distinguished general, gave her hand to the adventurer, whom she knew to be guilty either of bigginy or of having lived for years in an unhallowed union. But the couple miscalculated on the formesis on the track of the newly-wedded happiness they had built. Blair was dismissed from the service by sentence of court-martial and is under criminal arrest. Mrs. Granger has resumed her former name, and instituted legal proceedings to have her marriage with Blair pronounced null and

The lesson is a sad one, but salutary if married a man who was guilty, according to his own confession, of irregularities which would have east her out of the pale of respectability. Had she judged him by the same rule of moral conduct which he would have applied to her, the sad denouement could never have come. There is no reason famy on a woman should be excused in a

A Game of Checkers. Detroit Free Press.

Up to three evenings ago such a thing as Grattan's house. He and his aged partner tion. have managed to pass the long evenings very pleasantly, and he supposed they were happy enough until a friend from the East paid them a flying visit and asserted over and over again that the game of checkers was not only all the rage there, but that it served to quicken the perceptive faculties, enlarge the mind and render the brain more active. After giving the subject due thought, Mr. Grattan walked down town and purchased a checker-board, and when evening came he surprised his good wife by bringing it in from the wood-shed and saving:

Well, Martha, we'll have a game or two before we go over to the social. I expect to beat you all to flinders, but you won't

"Of course not, and if I beat you why you won't care," she replied.

They sat down, and he clai

move. She at once objected, but when he began to grow red in the face she yielded and he led off. At the fourth move she took a man, chuckling as she raked him in "I don't see anything to grin at," he

sneered as he moved a man backwards. "Here! you can't move that way!" she

"I can't, ch? Perhaps I never played checkers before you were born!"

She saw a chance to jump two more men and gave in the point, but as she moved he

" Put them men right back there! I've concluded not to move backwards even if Hoyle does permit it!"

She gave in again, but when he jumped a man her nose grew red and she cried out: "I didn't mean to move there, I was

thinking of the social!" " Can't help the social, Martha-we must

go by Hoyle. In about two minutes she jumped two men and went into the king-row, shouting: "Crown him! crown him! I've got a

"One would think by your childish actions that you never played a game before!"

he growled out.

"I know enough to beat you!"

"You do, eh? Some folks are awful "And some folks nin't?" she snapped, as

her king captured another man. "What in thunder are you jumping that

"A king can jump any way!" "No be can't!"

"Yes be can!" "Don't talk back to me, Martha Grattan! I was playing checkers when you were in

your cradle! "I don't care! I can jump two men whichever way you move!"

He looked down on the board, saw that such was the case, and roared out:

"You've moved twice to my once !" "I haven't!"

"I'll take my outh you have! I can't play against any such black-leg practices!" Who's a black-leg! You not only cheated, but you tried to lie out of it!"

Board and cheekers fell between them. He could get on his bat quicker than she could find her bonnet, and that was the only reason why he got out of the house first. A Woodward avenue grocer found him sitting on a basket of cranberries at the door as he was closing up for the night, and asked him if he was waiting for his wife to

"Well, not exactly: I stopped here to feel in my pocket for the key of the barn. I shall sleep on the hay to-night and see if it won't cure this cold in my head!"

A young lady while on her way to be be married was run over and killed. A confirmed old maid savagely remarked, "She has avoided a more lingering and horrible fate."

A country blacksmith out West put up a notice: "No horres shodded Sunday except rickness and death."

A LOVE STORY. The Romantic Story of the Fate of the Beautiful Daughter of General Winfield Scott.

In the gowip which followed the an-

nouncement that General Sherman's son had left for Europe to become a Catholie priest, a story was told of the romantic ciramstances attending the career of one of General Winfield Scott's daughters, who

died in the Convent of the Visitation at that Miss Scott fell deeply in love with an attache of a foreign legation, who loved sincerely in return. The match was opposed by General Scott, and through his instrumentality was broken off. She went heartbroken to a convent, and he prepared himself and was admitted to the priesthood. In course of time he was ordered to Georgetown College, and a portion of his duties consisted in bearing the confessions of the nuns at the college. On one of these oceasions Miss Scott kneft in the confessional to her former lover. Each recognized the other. She fainted, went into a rapid de-

eline and soon died. He left the country.

The true story of the affair as related by a friend of the family of General Scott is much less romantic than the fate of the gossips. Nearly forty years ago Mrs. General Scott was living in Paris with her family, bearance of a "woman scorned." The the younger dauguters being pupils in the Scottish woman became an avenging Ne- Convent of the Sacred Heart. She moved in the highest circles of Parisian society, pair, utterly wrecking the fabric of auptial and her eldest daughter was known because of her exceeding beauty and culture as " La belle Americaine." A Frenchman of excellent family and considerable wealth fell in love with Miss Scott. His affection was reciprocated, and with the consent of Mrs. Scott an engagement of marriage was made. In visiting the Convent of the Sacred Heart where her younger sisters were at school laid to heart and noted on. Mrs. Granger Miss Scott became deeply impressed with the holy life of the Sisters. In a comparatively short time she was converted and determined to devote her life to the Church. She sought and obtained a release from her engagement. What became of her lover is not known, beyond the fact that he never left Europe. He was reported to have why conduct which fixes the brand of in- joined a religious order in Rome. Miss Scott returned to the United States with her mother shortly afterward, and was admitted to the Convent of Visitation at Georgetown. She was in delicate health when, on the 2d of October, 1844, she received the habit of the novice, and on the a checker-board was never known in Mr. 26th of August, 1845, she died of consump-

A CARSON CLERGYMAN.

Remarkable Conduct of a Rev. Mr. Davis,

Reno (Nev.) Gazette. Rev. Mr. Davis has recently become the rector of the Episcopal church at Carson. One evening, shortly after his arrival, a social was given at the church for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity of coming acquainted with the new pastor. wo of the oldest and most respectable pilars of the sanctuary entered the pastor's study—a cozy little room, where a fire was brightly burning—and found a dozen gen-tlemen lounging around in easy attitudes and smoking. As Mr. Davis was known to a western man and liberal, the cigars did not shock the brethren much. They were introduced, and rather stared at Mr. Davis, a very unclerical-looking gentleman, ith a drooping black mustache and a some

'I'm glad you've come among us, Brother said one of the old gentlemen, po-

"Thankee," replied his reverence, affa-bly. "It is a pretty good layout, I reckon." The old man gasped, but managed to say that he hoped the church would prosper un-

gospel stakes. Is it a pretty good crowd

Both the horrified brethren stared speechsaly at the pastor. Seeing that they failed to comprehend, the reverend gentlemen kindly explained:

you don't tumble to the racket! What I mean is, will you church fellows stand in when I peel and go for the sinners?" Finally, murmuring something about be ing always willing to assist in the Lord's work, the brethren were staggering out when their new pastor stopped them with:
"Isn't this rather a dusty style of treating a fellow? Can't you trot out suthin to wet one's whistle?"

They fled, after one scared look at one another, and were rashing from the church, when another brother halled them and said he wanted to introduce them to the new

We've seen him," grouned one,

In the study, in a cloud of tobace Impossible. He's in the vestry, and a

y nice old gentleman he is."
And who is the other Mr. Davis—the ang man in the study?" asked the relieved

"My son Sam, doubtless—Sam, of the Virginia Chronicle." It was indeed he—he with the plate of strawberries mark on the stomach.

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